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SUBJECT: GOS CONDEMNS ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE "AGGRESSION":
ETHIOPIAN RESPONSE

REF: KHARTOUM 0594

1. MOFA ISSUED PRESS RELEASE MARCH 1 WHICH RADIO ETHIOPIA
BEGAN BROADCASTING ON REGULAR MID-DAY NEWSCAST. PRESS RE-
LEASE RESPONDS TO SUDANESE GOVT'S STATEMENT DESCRIBED
REFTEL.

2. GIST OF ETHIOPIAN STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

EPMG HAS TAKEN NOTE OF SUDANESE MFA STATEMENT RE-
FERRING TO VIOLATIONS OF SUDANESE AIR SPACE BY ETHIOPIAN
AIRCRAFT; ETHIOPIAN GOVT IS AWARE OF "A FEW INSTANCES IN
THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS" CONCERNING WHICH GOS HAS MADE IN-
QUIRIES. THESE CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT OF DIPLOMATIC EX-
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CHANGES INTENDED TO ESTABLISH THE FACTS. "NEITHER THE

FREQUENCY OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENTS NOR THE BILATERAL EXCHANGES THAT TOOK PLACE INDICATE OR SUGGEST ANY PATTERN OF DELIBERATE ACTIVITIES." EMPG HAS LEARNED VIEWS OF GOS EXPRESSED YESTERDAY ON THIS MATTER THROUGH NEWS DISPATCHES. TO ACQUAINT ITSELF FULLY WITH SUDANESE VIEWS EPMG WILL CONTINUE INFORMATION EXCHANGES THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. TO THIS END MOFA ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH SUDANESE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WHO HEADED SUDANESE DELEGATION TO OAU CM.

3. COMMENT: ETHIOPIAN STATEMENT IS DISTINCTLY RESTRAINED IN TONE. SUDANESE MAY, ACCORDINGLY, ALREADY HAVE ACHIEVED SOME OF THEIR OBJECTIVES IN PUBLICIZING ETHIOPIAN INCURSIONS AND ATTACKS. END COMMENT.

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